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SUBJECT: BELIZE TO RESUME SHIPMENT OF BEEF TO U.S. -- REQUEST
FOR INCLUSION IN COUNTRY QUOTAS

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1. PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION IMPOSING QUOTAS ON IMPORTATION OF MEAT COMES AT POTENTIALLY AWKWARD MOMENT FOR BELIZE, AS FIRM OF CATTLE AND BEEF, LTD. (FORMERLY BELIZE MEATPACKERS, LTD.) LATE THIS MONTH INTENDS RESUME SHIPMENTS OF FROZEN BEEF TO U. S. AFTER HIATUS OF 2-1/2 YEARS. CONGEN THEREFORE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ENSURE, IF POSSIBLE, THAT BELIZE BE ALLOTTED COUNTRY QUOTA WHEN THESE ARE DETERMINED.

2. CATTLE AND BEEF, LTD., AND GOB MINAG OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT FIRM WILL BE ABLE SHIP 1.06 MILLION POUNDS DURING REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR 1976 (100,000 POUNDS IN OCTOBER, 480,000 MONTHLY DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER). THEY TRUST THIS RELATIVELY MINISCULE AMOUNT CAN BE ACCOMODATED IN QUOTA DETERMINATIONS AND THAT BELIZE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE QUOTA

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UNDER MEAT IMPORT ACT OF 1964 DESPITE NOT HAVING EXPORTED

TO U. S. FOR PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. ESTIMATE FOR ALL
OF CALENDAR YEAR 1977 IS 4.5 MILLION POUNDS.

3. FYI: BELIZE MEATPACKERS, LTD., CEASED EXPORT OPERA-
TIONS IN EARLY 1974 BECAUSE OF LOW PRICES AND UNMANAGEABLE
NATURE OF OPERATION -- IT REPORTEDLY WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE-
MAN MANAGERIAL SHOW. FIRM NOW REORGANIZED UNDER
NEW OWNERSHIP AND NAME ON PROFESSIONAL BASIS WHICH
OFFERS BETTER FINANCING AND GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MAIN-
TAINING SOURCES OF BEEF SUPPLY, A HEADACHE IN PAST.
MANAGER IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LOGISTIC AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY
OF VENTURE UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT.
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